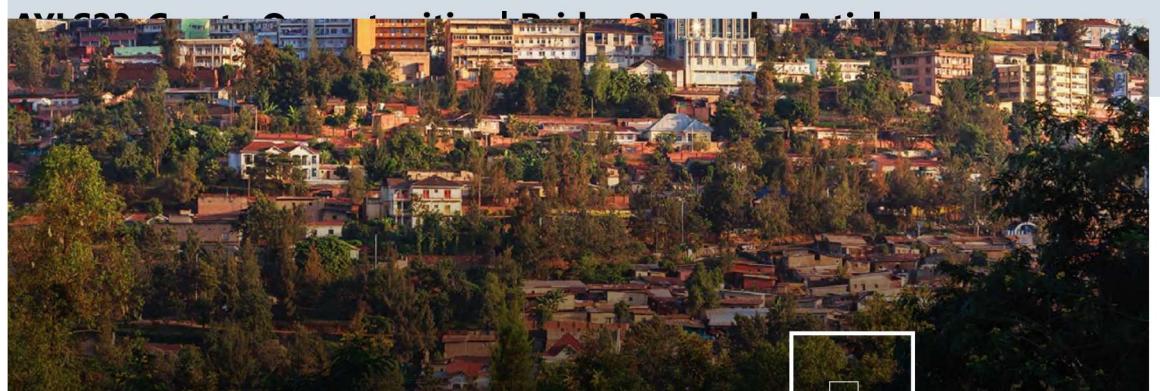


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## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS A DIVINE CALLING**

In responsible hands, business can be the world's most powerful instrument of

**"RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH IS RWANDA'S OVERARCHING STRATEGY UNDER VISION 2050."**

- GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND THE WORLD BANK  
*Future Drivers of Growth in Rwanda: Innovation, Integration, and Competition.* 2019.

**BUT GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH ... A VIBRANT, COMPETITIVE PRIVATE SECTOR IS THE ONLY SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION.**

The ultimate economic engine for job creation and inclusive growth are entrepreneurs and small- and medium-sized enterprises fueled by private investors – both domestic and foreign. B2R is committed to creating opportunities for high capacity, young African leaders to become entrepreneurs and build impactful enterprises in Rwanda and Africa.



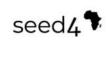
## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM

To accelerate the careers of B2R Fellows and other high capacity university graduates, B2R launched its C. Dan Adams Business Analyst and Manager Training Program in 2019.

These recent university graduates will get practical experience and a broad range of trainings in entrepreneurship, market research, financial analysis, management, operations and regulations.

**B2R BUSINESS SERVICES**

Since 2007, B2R has been committed to facilitating and being “boots on the ground” entrepreneurs and investors wanting to commercialise their social enterprises in Rwanda including:



2007

2009

2010

2011

2013

2013

2018





## AGRICULTURE IS THE ECONOMIC BACKBONE OF RWANDA

It represents 33 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product and 90 percent of the population (over 1.7 million households) are engaged in agriculture. Agriculture is the backbone of the economy, supporting the lives of more people than any other sector of the economy.



## MEET ROSINE.

**B2R Fellow – Babson College 2018, Accounting & Entrepreneurship Major**

Rosine is working with several B2R partners – Zamura Feeds & Farms, the University of Rwanda and Foundations for Farming – to introduce an innovative conservation agriculture methodology to Rwanda. This disciplined farming approach will benefit small-holder farmers because it can significantly increase yields while reducing the need for expensive inputs and mechanization.

B2R INSTALLS RARE PIVOT  
IRRIGATION  
SYSTEM ON ITS NOVA FARM

## RWANDA'S THINK TANK

ISOKO Institute was formed in 2010 to foster conversations and connect Rwanda's entrepreneurial economy. We aim to become Rwanda's premier

Coming Soon

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#### PROFILE

## B2R Scholar Builds Cutting-Edge Digital System to Tackle Healthcare Challenges in Developing Countries

B2R Scholar and soon-to-be graduate of MIT, Audace Nakashimana, has combined his passion for Teleradiology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Entrepreneurship through his start-up, Insightiv, which builds cutting-edge digital systems to tackle healthcare challenges in developing countries. Given the severe disparity of medical specialists, such as radiologists, in developing countries, Audace developed a proven technology at MIT...





The BRIDGE helps B2R Scholars and other globally educated students launch their careers in Africa by identifying their vocational callings, arranging summer internships, finding jobs and networking with employers in Africa.



## IDENTIFY

vocational callings through career counseling & personal assessments

## CONNECT

with summer internships and full-time employment opportunities

## BUILD

strong relationships with employers across every industry sector

## INTERNSHIPS

Bridge2Rwanda encourages and enables every Scholar to return to Africa during summer breaks to participate in our summer internship program. These trips home allow students to reconnect

with their friends, family, and country, and gain the practical job experience necessary to launch their career in Africa when they graduate.

# 140+

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS  
ARRANGED EACH YEAR

# 100+

RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOP  
EMPLOYERS IN RWANDA

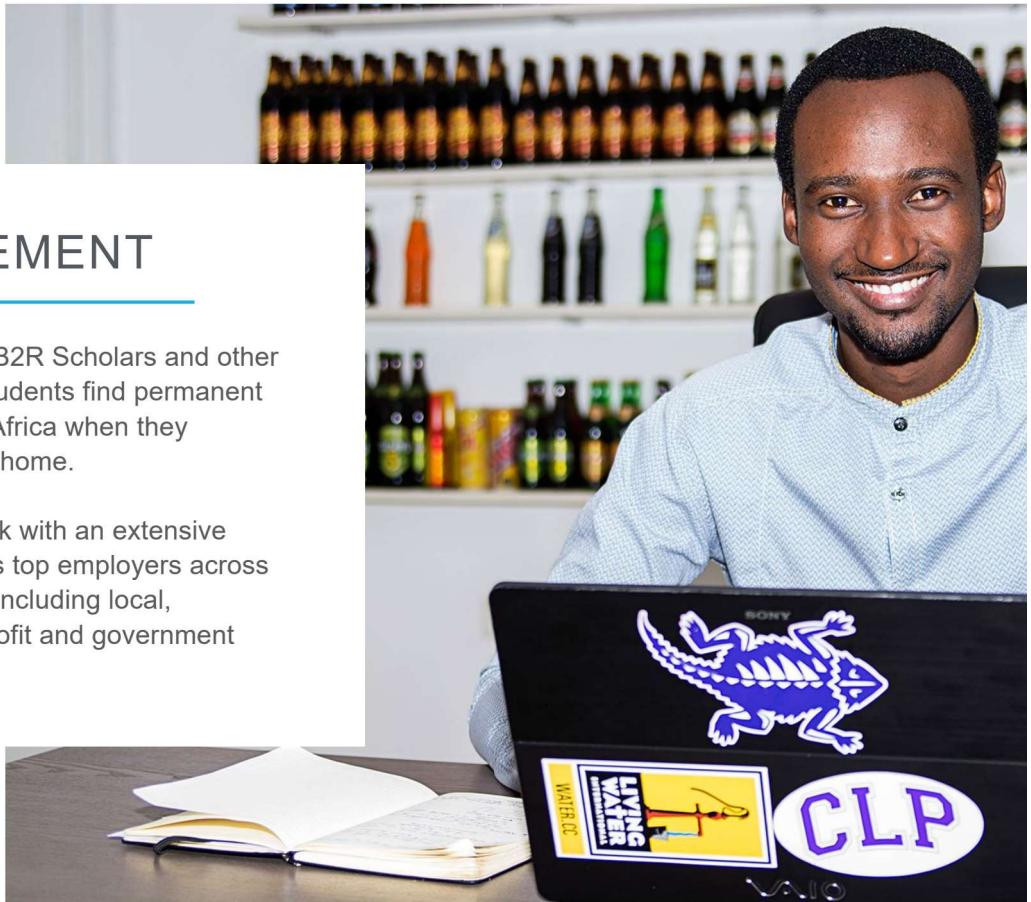
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## JOB PLACEMENT

The BRIDGE helps B2R Scholars and other globally educated students find permanent job opportunities in Africa when they graduate and return home.

Career Advisors work with an extensive network of Rwanda's top employers across all industry sectors, including local, international, non-profit and government organizations.



THE BRIDGE HAS PLACED B2R SCHOLARS &  
OTHER GLOBALLY  
EDUCATED STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING  
INDUSTRY SECTORS:

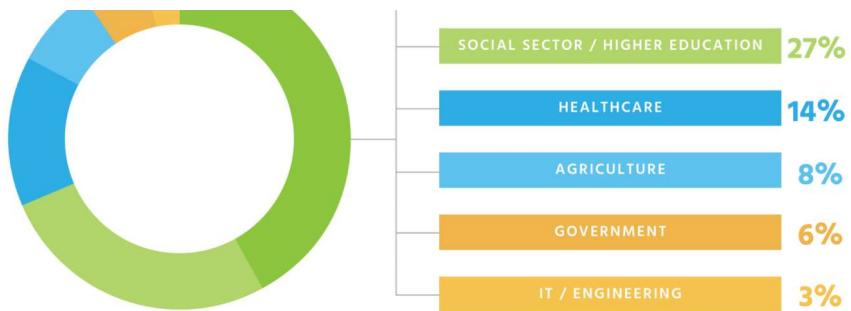
# 63%

OF B2R SCHOLARS HAVE  
ALREADY RETURNED TO  
LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS  
IN AFRICA

BUSINESS

42%

To date, 53 out of the 84 B2R



Scholars who have graduated from universities abroad have returned to Rwanda to launch their careers, compared to the typical African repatriation rate of 10-15%.



## EMPLOYERS

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B2R has strong working relationships with an extensive network of Rwandan employers who value globally educated university graduates. These employers provide B2R Scholars and other globally educated students with summer internships and full-time jobs across several industry sectors.





# DIFFERENCE

Hire A Scholar Today



## BRIDGE2RWANDA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Scholars Program builds on Africa by selecting the most talented high school graduates, helping them earn scholarships to study abroad, and equipping them to lead careers in Africa.

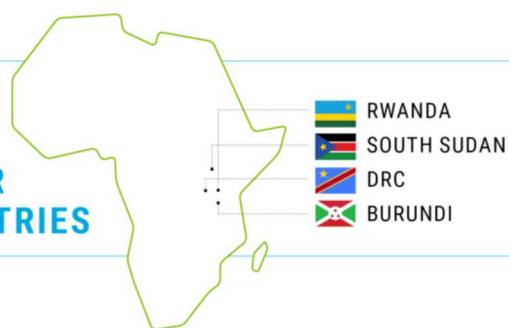
# SELECTION

B2R selects students from Rwanda and its neighbors – Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan.

In addition to academic performance and English language skills, B2R considers students' leadership potential, people skills, and desire to make a difference in his or her country.



**80% OF STUDENTS  
ARE FROM RWANDA,  
20% ARE FROM OTHER  
EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES**



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## THE PROGRAM ADDRESSES FIVE PRIMARY AREAS

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Academic  
Preparation



Spiritual  
Development



College  
Counseling



Servant  
Leadership

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to study abroad, all Bridge2Rwanda Scholars must obtain a substantial scholarship that covers all their tuition, fees and room & board – at least 90 percent of the total cost of a four-year college education. Rather than focus on individual achievement, each new cohort is challenged to work together to ensure that everyone earns a scholarship.



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in international  
scholarships earned

scholarships  
awarded

top colleges  
and  
universities

states  
represented  
in the U.S.

schools  
outside the  
U.S.



AFRICA'S CHILDREN COMPETE AND SUCCEED WITH  
THE BEST.

# His Excellency, Paul Kagame

PRESIDENT OF RWANDA

## BUILDING THE BRIDGE

B2R Scholars are encouraged to become a “bridge” while they are abroad by being an advocate for their home country and by gathering a lifelong network of friends in the U.S or wherever they are.

### ALABAMA

Birmingham-Southern College (2)  
Samford University (3)

### ARIZONA

Arizona State University (4)

### ARKANSAS

Hendrix College (5)  
Univ. of Arkansas - Ft. Smith (1)

### CALIFORNIA

California Baptist University (1)  
Claremont McKenna College (1)  
Harvey Mudd College (2)  
Pomona College (2)  
Pitzer College (2)  
University of Redlands (1)  
Stanford University (1)  
Westmont College (5)

### COLORADO

U.S. Air Force Academy (1)

### CONNECTICUT

Trinity College (7)  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1)  
Wesleyan University (2)  
Yale University (4)

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Georgetown University (2)  
George Washington University (1)

### FLORIDA

Full Sail University (1)

### GEORGIA

Agnes Scott College (4)  
Emory University (2)  
Morehouse College (2)

### ILLINOIS

Northwestern University (7)  
University of Chicago (4)  
Wheaton College (1)

### INDIANA

University of Notre Dame (4)

### IOWA

Grinnell College (1)

### MAINE

Bates College (2)  
Bowdoin College (1)

### MASSACHUSETTS

Babson College (3)  
Gordon College (1)  
Harvard University (6)

### MASSACHUSETTS INST. OF TECH.

Tufts University (3)  
Wellesley College (4)  
Wheaton College (2)  
Williams College (1)

### MICHIGAN

Michigan State University (4)

### MINNESOTA

St. Olaf College (2)

### MISSOURI

Westminster College (1)  
WashU in St. Louis (1)

### NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska (1)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College (8)

### NEW JERSEY

Princeton University (3)

### NEW YORK

Columbia University (6)  
Cornell University (3)  
Marist College (3)  
University of Rochester (13)  
Union College (2)  
U.S. Military Academy (1)

### NORTH CAROLINA

Duke University (1)  
Davidson College (1)

### PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr College (1)  
Bucknell University (1)  
Haverford College (1)  
Lafayette College (1)  
Lehigh University (3)  
Swarthmore College (3)  
University of Pennsylvania (8)

### RHODE ISLAND

Brown University (4)

### TENNESSEE

Sewanee: The Univ. of the South (2)  
Vanderbilt University (1)

### TEXAS

Abilene Christian University (17)  
Rice University (2)  
Texas A&M University (1)  
Texas Christian University (12)

### UTAH

University of Utah (2)

### VERMONT

Middlebury College (3)

### VIRGINIA

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### WEST VIRGINIA

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### WISCONSIN

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### LEBANON

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### UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

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## STUDY ABROAD SUPPORT

To ensure that Scholars succeed academically, spiritually, and socially, Bridge2Rwanda provides a robust support network during their four years abroad.



## LOCAL HOST FAMILIES

Local volunteers provide a home away from home during school holidays and breaks while Scholars are abroad.

[Learn More](#)

## SUPPORT COORDINATORS

Support Coordinators help Scholars succeed academically, spiritually, and socially while at university.

## FINANCIAL SPONSORS

Sponsors provide essential expenses which are not provided by their university scholarship.

[Learn More](#)

## TRANSITION COACHES

B2R Fellows help Scholars transition to a new culture and navigate the challenges of their first year at university.

## MEET THE FELLOWS

After B2R Scholars graduate from university abroad, they become Bridge2Rwanda Fellows. Together, this Fellowship of young professionals is becoming a powerful catalyst with the capacity to accelerate Rwanda's and Africa's growth to unprecedented heights over the next 30 years.



**Happiness Uwase**  
THE BRIDGE  
LONDON SCHOOL OF COMMERCE



**Jackson Karama**  
RWANDA DEFENSE FORCE  
U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY



**Joris Manzi Cyizere**  
MCKINSEY & CO - NAIROBI  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



**Mpinge Imbumba**  
CALIFORNIA





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## SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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EARL & ANNA BROADY  
FOUNDATION

### **Earl & Anna Broady Foundation**

**Earl Broady** was a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles who died in 1992. When his wife Anna died in 2016, their trust established **The Earl & Anna Broady Foundation**, which provides financial assistance to minority students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing a college degree.

We would like to thank the foundation for their incredible support of Bridge2Rwanda by covering the essential needs of many B2R Scholars studying at universities in the U.S. We appreciate and value their support because it allows our Scholars to focus on their education and reach their highest potential.

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**empower kids**  
south sudan

### **Empower Kids South Sudan**

Since 2014, **Empower Kids South Sudan** has annually sponsored 4-5 students from South Sudan to join the B2R Scholars Program. By creating opportunities for these young leaders to gain a global education, Empower Kids envisions a Fellowship of international college graduates returning to South Sudan to assume leadership roles that will benefit the millions of South Sudanese who are seeking a brighter future.



### Francine A. LeFrak Foundation

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Francine LeFrak and Rick Friedberg** for their continued partnership to sponsor the education of a select group of Bridge2Rwanda Scholars studying at universities in the US. The **LeFrak-Friedberg Scholars Programs** selects B2R Scholars to participate in the program based on their leadership skills and commitment to excellence. This partnership helps to support the essential needs not covered by students' university scholarships and helps the scholars thrive as they pursue their education abroad.

In addition, the **Francine A. LeFrak Foundation** provides special mentorship opportunities and hosts an annual conference for the LeFrak-Friedberg Scholars. [Click here](#) to learn more about Francine and her work in Rwanda through **Same Sky**.



### Hali Access Network

Bridge2Rwanda is honored to be a part of **The HALI Access Network**, an association of non-profit organizations in Africa that work with high-achieving, low-income (HALI) students to access international higher education opportunities. The association strives to level the playing field in international education to increase inclusion, access and scholarship support for remarkable students who only lack finances to make their educational dreams come true. We believe in the power of education to change communities and in the impact our students have on college and university campuses.



### **Kaplan, Inc.**

**Kaplan, Inc.** is a for-profit corporation that provides educational services to colleges and universities and corporations and businesses, including higher education programs, professional training and certifications, test preparation and student support services. In 2013, B2R became one of the first Certified Kaplan Education Providers in Africa. We are grateful for their partnership and the resources they have provided B2R Scholars over the years.



### **Rainwater Charitable Foundation**

We would like to extend a special thank you to the **Rainwater Charitable Foundation** for their generous support and contribution to the success of the B2R Scholars Program. RCF's grants continue to support B2R's core programs, including the gap-year Leadership Academy, The BRIDGE Career Services, and B2R Farms.



### **University of Rwanda**

B2R is grateful for the generous support of the **University of Rwanda**, who continues to provide training facilities, office space and agricultural plots for the B2R Scholars Program and B2R Farms Internship Program.

## **THE BRIDGE CAREER SERVICES**

### **Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy**

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The **Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy** (Gray Philanthropy) believes that achieving prosperity and equal opportunity in Africa requires high potential individuals to become high impact responsible entrepreneurs. Gray Philanthropy is establishing a **Graduate Entrepreneurship Training, Incubator and Accelerator Programmes** in Rwanda to serve as a launching pad for Africa.

The BRIDGE is partnering with AGGP to launch the programmes in Kigali and to help recruit high capacity university graduates to join this programme and international entrepreneurs and investors to serve as mentors.



## Rwanda Development Board

The **Rwanda Development Board** was set up by bringing together all the government agencies responsible for the entire investor experience under one roof. This includes key agencies responsible for business registration, investment promotion, environmental clearances, privatization and specialist agencies which support the priority sectors of ICT and tourism as well as SMEs and human capacity development in the private sector.

The BRIDGE is partnering with the RDB to collaborate on a broad variety of activities to encourage Rwandans who graduate from universities abroad to return to Rwanda and connect them to jobs.



## Rwanda Girls Initiative

**Rwanda Girls Initiative** (RGI) was founded to establish an upper-secondary boarding school, **Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology** (GGAST). The school offers a rigorous academic program that prepares students to successfully compete for international scholarships. The BRIDGE is partnering with RGI to provide career counseling and internship/job placement to graduates of Gashora Girls Academy.



### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Since 2015, nearly 200 students from Rwanda have been selected to participate in the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Undergraduate Scholars Program (CUSP)**. Students selected to participate in the CASNR Undergraduate Scholarship Program (CUSP) pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Integrated Science that is focused on conservation agriculture, entrepreneurship, and leadership. The BRIDGE is partnering with UNL to help CUSP Scholars identify summer internships and full time jobs and career opportunities after they graduate from university.

### B2R FARMS



### African Sustainable Agriculture Project

**Africa Sustainable Agriculture Project Foundation (ASAP)** is a U.S. nonprofit formed in 2013 by **Donnie Smith** (former CEO of Tyson Foods) to empower African farmers and communities through the creation of sustainable agriculture endeavors. ASAP is focused on improving the availability and lowering the cost of protein through the development of the poultry industry in Africa. B2R Farms has partnered with ASAP to test more productive soybean varieties in Rwanda, a major ingredient in animal feed.



## Crown Financial Ministries

**Crown Financial Ministries** mission is to teach and lead others to freedom in Christ through redemptive stewardship. This happens through unique experiences and events, collaborative partnerships and relevant, supportive content.

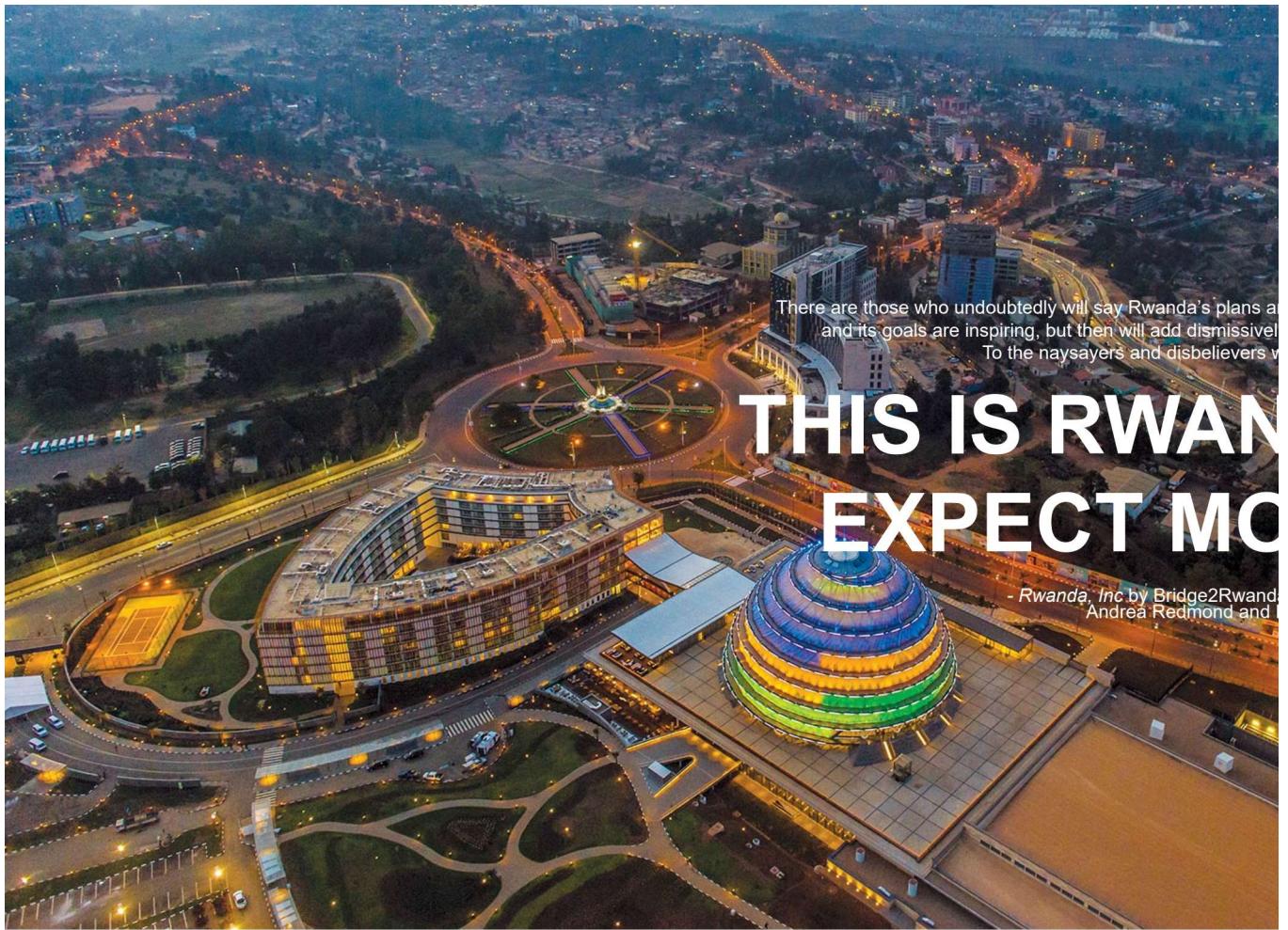
B2R Farms is partnering with Crown Financial to develop financial literacy curriculum to incorporate into Rwanda-focused training manuals and videos for teaching FFF practices and principles.



## Foundations For Farming

**Foundations for Farming** (FFF) is a simple, low cost conservation farming method specifically designed to help low income, small-holder farmers make a profit and improve their lives. The method was developed in Zimbabwe over 30 years ago by **Brian Oldrieve**, a successful faith-driven Zimbabwean farmer. After their lands were seized by the Zimbabwe government, Brian partnered with **Craig Deall**, another faith-driven farmer, to focus FFF on meeting the needs of subsistence farmers.

B2R is committed to introducing FFF practices and principles to small holder farmers in Rwanda and to mobilizing a new generation of educated young people to become agriculture entrepreneurs and trainers of FFF.



There are those who undoubtedly will say Rwanda's plans are bold and its goals are inspiring, but then will add dismissively, "To the naysayers and disbelievers we say..."

# THIS IS RWANDA EXPECT MORE

- Rwanda, Inc by Bridge2Rwanda  
Andrea Redmond and



## Transformational Growth

In 1994, Rwanda was written off as a failed state on a forgotten continent. The country was devastated by a genocide and completely dependent on foreign aid.

**Then the unexpected happened.**

## Disciplined Leadership

Rwandan leaders – powered by the hope and courage of its people – wrote a different story. One that chose enterprise as the solution to



poverty and fused Rwanda's strengths with resources from around the world.

**The result is breathtaking.**



# RWANDA

HAS BEEN NAMED THE WORLD'S  
FASTEAST DEVELOPING COUNTRY  
BY THE U.N. HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Determined to transform itself into the "Sing  
Rwanda  
is focused on building a vibrant private sect  
new generation of committed leaders with t  
and experience to build globally competitive

## RWANDA'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



Safety and  
Security



Zero Tolerance  
of Corruption



Dependable  
Infrastructure



Hospitality  
Oasis



Attractive to  
Foreign Investors

# OUR TEAM

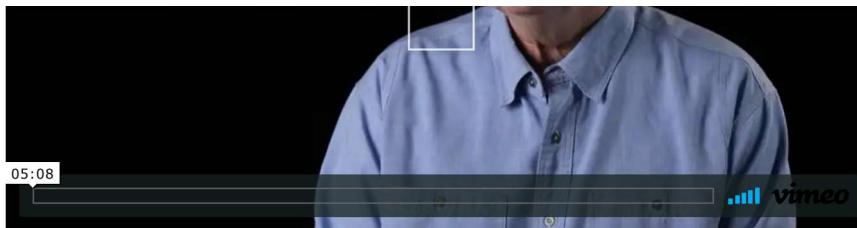
[Meet Our Team](#)



## OUR STORY

Inspired by Rwanda's leadership, Bridge2Rwanda was created with two main objectives:

- Create opportunities for Rwandans



Create opportunities for RW  
promising students to obtain  
education

Attract foreign direct investo  
Rwanda's economic growth

## OUR MISSION

Build a lifelong fellowship of high-capacity leaders in Africa to accelerate the growth of their countries and improve the lives of others

## OUR VISION

Build a bridge to Rwanda and transform lives at both ends



## OUR VALUES



#### ALL IN

We are committed to pursuing excellence in everything we do and fulfilling the mission



#### FELLOWSHIP

We are a lifelong global family of friends who share a common vision, mission and Spirit



#### RESULTS MATTER

We believe results speak louder than words and that our work should have meaningful impact



#### SERVANT LEADERSHIP

We believe effective leadership embraces the role of a servant, as modeled by

Jesus



#### TRANSFORMED LIVES

We believe a life of purpose requires a commitment to improving the lives of others

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

While Bridge2Rwanda is not affiliated with any institutional religious group, we are inspired and guided by the strategy, example, teachings and Spirit of Jesus.

We believe our most important mission in life is to love God and love others. We invite people from all faiths and beliefs to join us in the work God is doing in Rwanda and Africa.

